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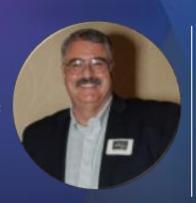
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### Carbon Capture and Storage Technology Overview



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## Capture & Storage.. Integration





#### 2017

Large Capture **Pilots Initiated** 

#### 2020

R&D Completed for Carbon Capture 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation Technologies

#### 2022

Carbon Capture FEED **Studies Completed** 

Integrated CCS **Projects Deployed** 

2025



Initiate Storage Feasibility for **Integrated CCS** 

Commercial-scale storage complexes

#### 2022

characterized





Transformational technologies available for broad commercialscale deployment





https://netl.doe.gov/2020CCUS-proceedings



## Carbon Capture Program.. Mission



#### Mission

- Develop advanced cost-effect CO<sub>2</sub> capture technologies throughout the power-generation sector
- Ensure the U.S. will continue to have access to safe, reliable, & affordable energy from fossil fuels

### Drivers/Challenges

- Coal-based & gas-based power are the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> largest stationary sources of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions
- Reduce CO<sub>2</sub> capital & operating costs
- Increase efficiency & reduce cost of CO<sub>2</sub> compression

#### Goal & Metrics

• By 2030, COE at least 30% lower than a supercritical PC with CO<sub>2</sub> capture



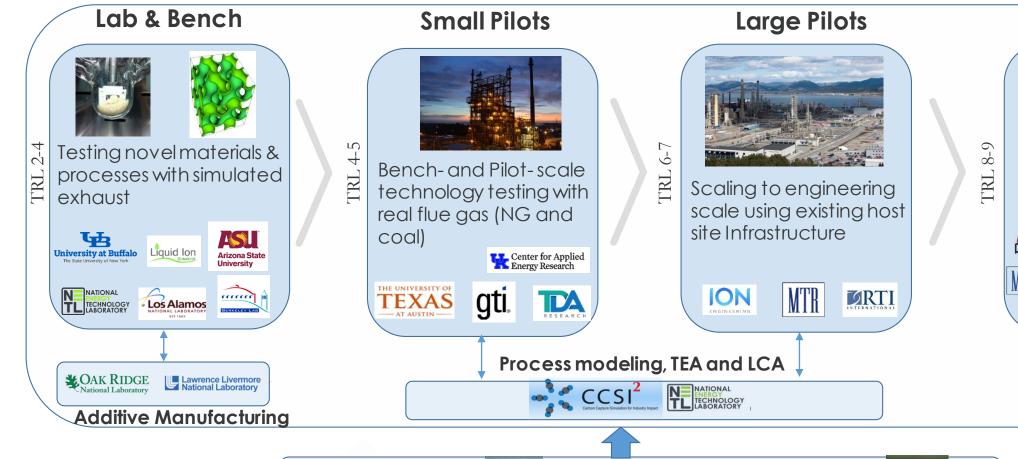


National Carbon Capture Center *Photo Source: Southern Company Services* 



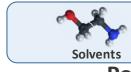
## Carbon Capture.. Program Structure













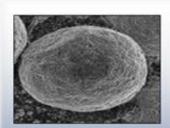


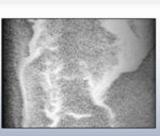


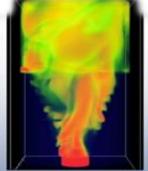
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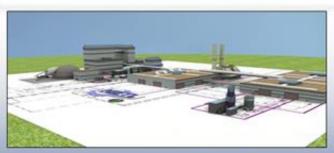


### **CCSI<sup>2</sup>: Accelerating Rate of RD&D**













Rapidly synthesize optimized processes to identify promising concepts Better understand internal behavior to reduce time for troubleshooting

Quantify sources and effects of uncertainty to guide testing & reach larger scales faster



Stabilize the cost during commercial deployment

#### **National Labs**











#### **Academia**













#### Industry

















































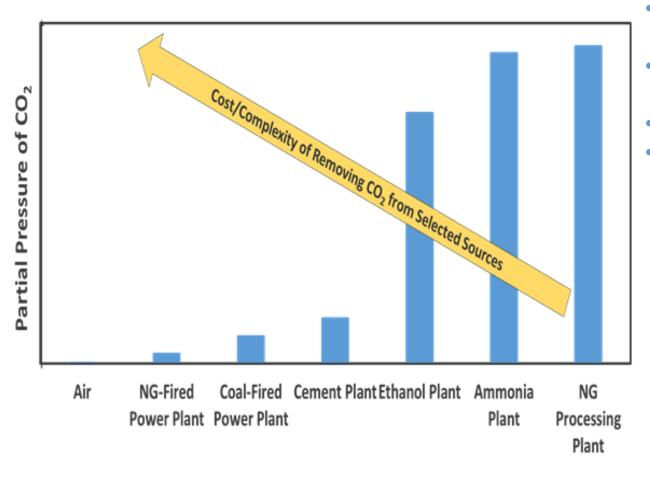






## Carbon Capture.. New Challenges





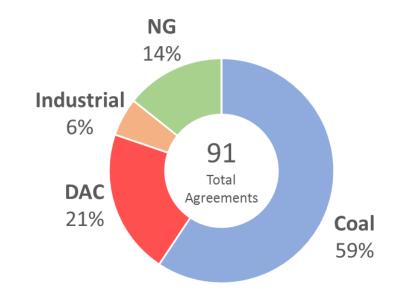
DAC.. Increased cost and complexity due to low CO<sub>2</sub> %

NGCC.. Increased oxidative degradation due to higher O<sub>2</sub>%

Industrial.. Heat integration & impurities

Coal FIRST.. Load following operation &

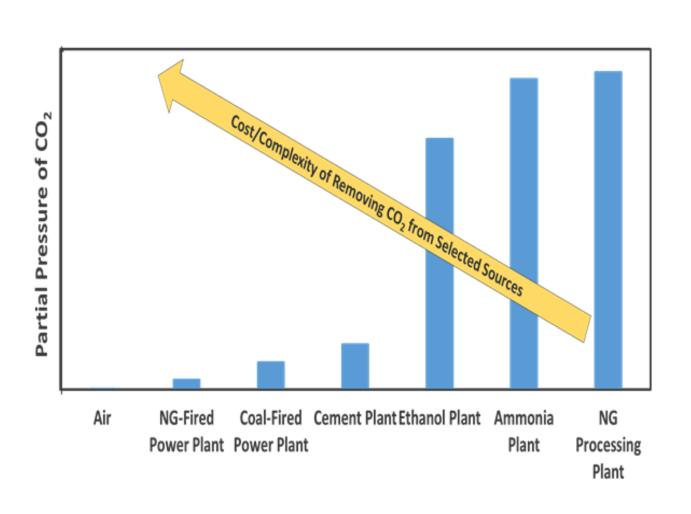
low utilization factors

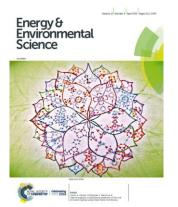


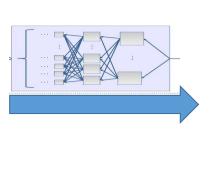


## Carbon Capture.. New Challenges



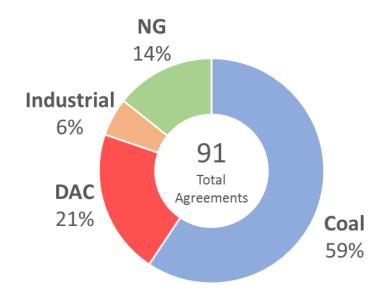








#### **DIRECT AIR CAPTURE**



## Carbon Storage Program.. Mission



## Develop technologies for commercial readiness beginning in 2025 that ensure:

- Safe, secure, efficient, and affordable CO<sub>2</sub> injection
- Containment in storage complexes in <u>diverse</u> geologic settings

#### Goals:

- Reduce project risks
- Reduce project costs
- Field validation and large-scale injection efforts
- Raise awareness that geologic storage is a viable and safe approach to reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

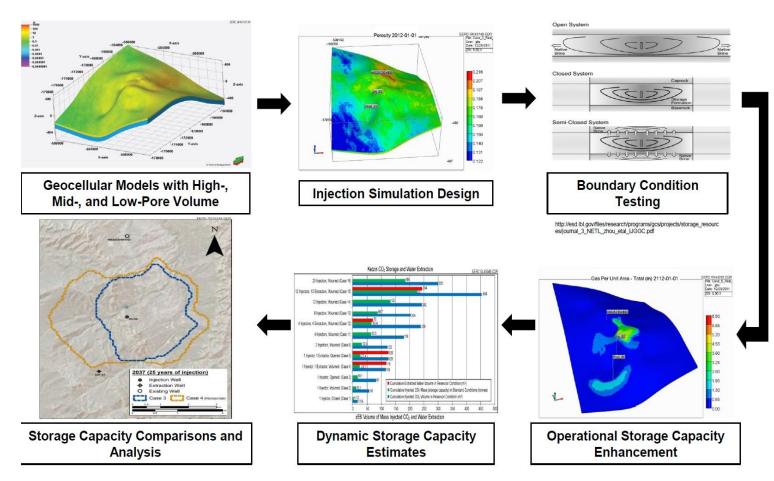
## Carbon Storage.. Technology R&D



#### **Simulation Workflow**

CO<sub>2</sub> Storage Resource in Saline Formations; EERC

- Assessing onshore and offshore storage capacity
- Advanced understanding of CO<sub>2</sub> behavior in subsurface
- Novel sensors for monitoring
- Novel well sealing and remediation materials



#### U.S. DOE's National Risk Assessment Partnership



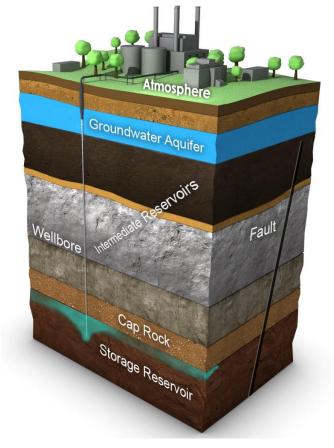
NRAP leverages DOE's capabilities to quantitatively assess long-term environmental risks amidst significant geologic uncertainty and variability.

#### **Technical Team**









#### **Stakeholder Group**































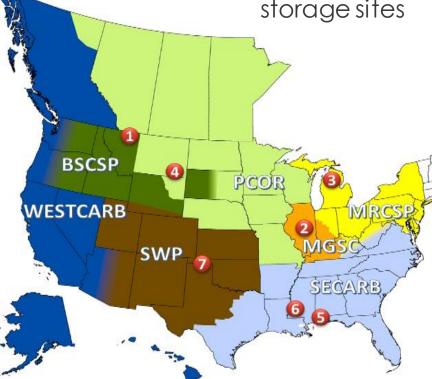


## **Regional Field Sites**

#### **RCSP Field Projects**



Important step towards enabling 50+MMT scale storage sites



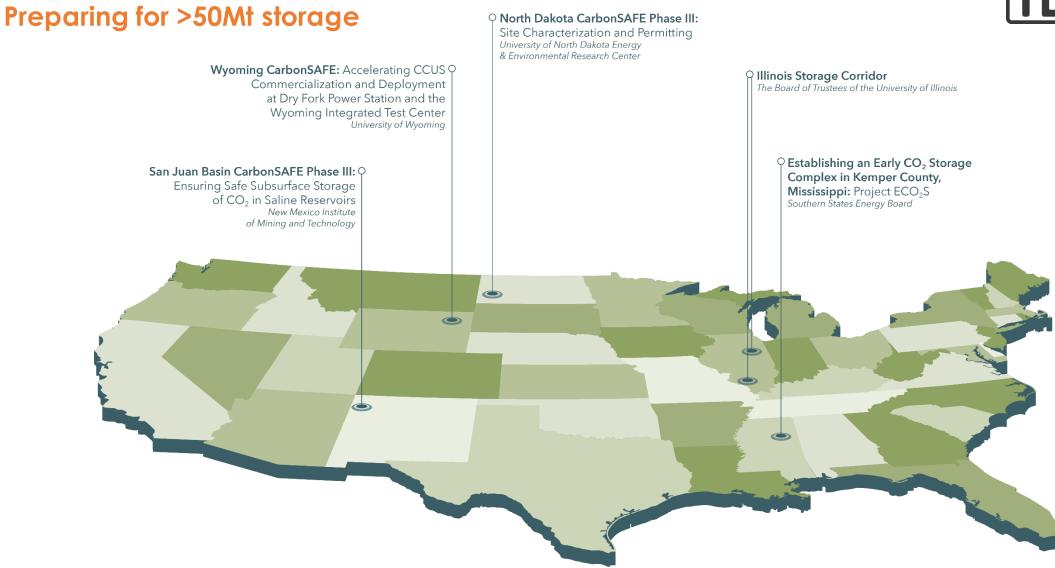
**Best Practice Manuals** 

	Number on Map	Project Name	Project Type	CO <sub>2</sub> Source	Geologic Basin	Metric Tons of CO <sub>2</sub> Stored
	1	Big Sky Carbon Sequestration Partnership-Kevin Dome Project	Saline Storage	Kevin Dome (natural)	Kevin Dome	N/A
The second of th	2	Midwest Geological Sequestration Consortium -Illinois Basin - Decatur Project	Saline Storage	ADM Ethanol Production Facility	Illinois Basin	999,215
	3	Midwest Regional Carbon Sequestration Partnership - Michigan Basin Project	Enhanced Oil Recovery	Core CO <sub>2</sub> Services, LLC Natural Gas Processing Facility	Michigan Basin	1,553,626
	4	The Plains CO₂ Reduction Partnership-Bell Creek Field Project	Enhanced Oil Recovery	Conoco Philips Lost Cabin/Madden Natural Gas Processing Plant	Powder River Basin	2,982,000
	5	Southeast Regional Carbon Sequestration Partnership - Citronelle Project	Saline Storage	Southern Company's Plant Barry Coal-Fired Power Plant	Interior Salt Basin, Gulf Coast Region	114,104
	6	Southeast Regional Carbon Sequestration Partnership - Cranfield Project	Enhanced Oil Recovery/ Saline Storage	Jackson Dome (natural)	Interior Salt Basin, Gulf Coast Region	4,743,898
	7	Southwest Regional Partnership on Carbon Sequestration -Farnsworth Unit Project	Enhanced Oil Recovery	Arkalon Ethanol Plant (Liberal, KS) Agrium Fertilizer Plant (Borger, TX)	Anadarko Basin	791,593



### CarbonSAFE Phase III Locations





## Thank You!

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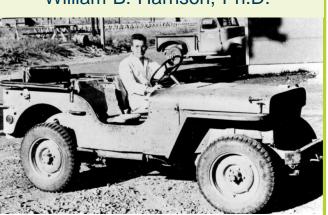
#### Providing clean, safe, reliable, affordable energy and customized solutions



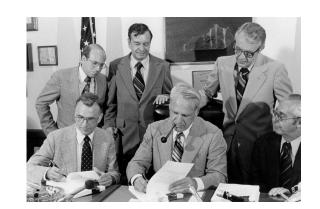
#### **Industry-Leading Culture of Innovation – Hand-in-Hand with National Labs**



William B. Harrison, Ph.D.



- Dedicated research organization founded in 1969
- Diverse research portfolio for energy production, delivery & use
- Collaboration with DOE/NETL, utilities, universities, technology developers
  - ✓ External cost sharing leverages investment
  - √ Full-member/engaged advisors of EPRI
  - ✓ Anchor sponsor of EPRI/GTI Low-Carbon Resources Initiative
  - ✓ Prolific **U.S. Department of Energy** partner





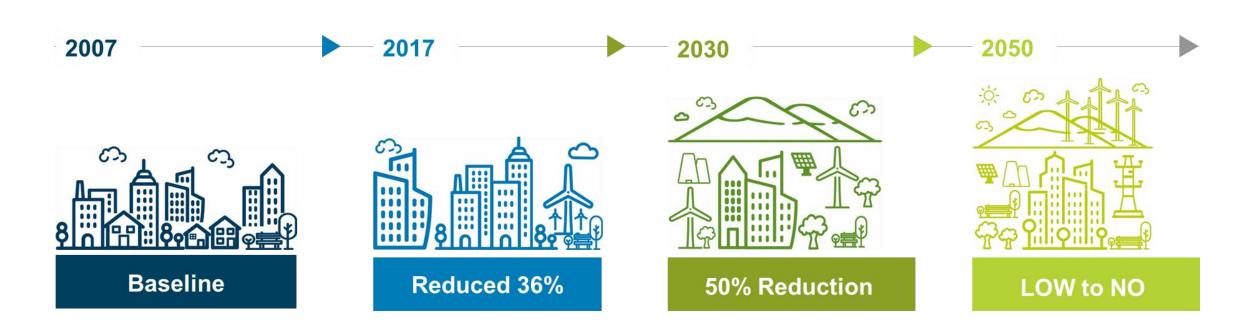




#### Southern Company's Net-Zero Commitment is Driven by R&D

Our energy strategy includes the continued development of a diverse portfolio of energy resources to serve customers and communities with a focus on reducing greenhouse gas emissions

#### **Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Goals**



#### National Carbon Capture Center, Wilsonville, Alabama



- 110,000+ test hours of testing over last decade
- 60+ technologies tested / developers from 7 countries
- Post-combustion accomplishments:
  - ✓ Continuous expansion alternative regeneration, gas injection, analytical support
  - ✓ Advanced solvents, membranes, solid sorbents
    - 16 technologies in queue to test / 7 technologies scaled up (or ready) to 10+ MW







Reduced cost of CO<sub>2</sub> capture from fossil generation by 1/3

Oct. 1, 2020 – 5-Year Agreement Renewal / \$140 Million Expanding scope to CO<sub>2</sub> capture for natural gas power, CO<sub>2</sub> utilization, direct air capture

#### Value Proposition – National Labs and Southern Company

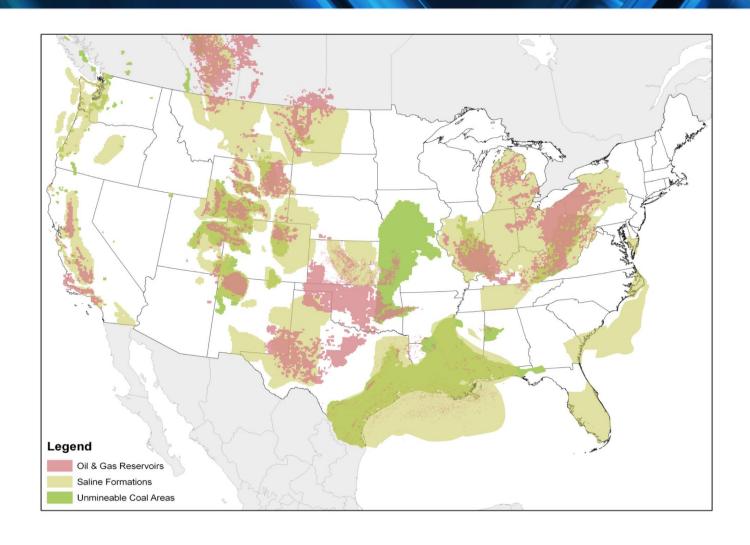




- ✓ Leading exploratory, early-TRL research and experiments
- ✓ Deep bench strength in fundamental science
- ✓ Technical expertise that drives scale-up and commercial adoption
- ✓ Ease of collaboration with private industry
- ✓ Significant leverage by supporting public-private cost-share

#### **NETL** – Industry Partnerships are Filling in the Gaps with CO<sub>2</sub> Storage

- RCSP initiative and the regional initiatives to accelerate CCUS
  - Regional teams and project development
- CarbonSAFE initiative
  - Source-sink matching
  - Site characterization & permitting
- Carbon Storage Atlas
- NRAP tools
  - Risk analysis
- International CCUS outreach
  - Collaborations



#### Future Strategic R&D Needs Considering Variable Injection Rates

# Based on age, depreciation, dispatch and fuel costs, utilities may focus on decarbonizing natural gas as "backup dispatch" to renewables vs. "baseload power"

- Innovation with injection well design
- Issues with wellbore integrity
- Monitoring systems
- Issues with near wellbore reservoir damage
- Issues with induced seismicity
- Impacts to injectivity and long-term storage capacity
- Understanding the options with saline vs. CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR

## Thank you for the opportunity to participate today





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President and Chief Executive Officer Carbon Capture Scientific, LLC

# Gas Pressurized Stripping (GPS) Technology from Concept to Commercialization

Carbon Capture Scientific, LLC.

Shiaoguo (Scott) Chen October, 2020



## **About Carbon Capture Scientific, LLC (CCS)**

- An early stage small company located in Pittsburgh, PA
- Technology development based on transition from thermodynamic analysis, to process simulation, to bench-scale prototyping
- Research focus on CO₂ capture technologies for pre- and post-combustion gas streams for the past ten years
- Two patents generated in past several years through a gas separation technology projects
- ☐ GPS technology is being commercialized for different applications





# Development of a Novel Gas Pressurized Stripping (GPS)-Based Technology for CO<sub>2</sub> Capture from Post-Combustion Flue Gases

### **Team Members:**

Carbon Capture Scientific, LLC.

CONSOL Energy Inc.

Nexant Inc.

Western Kentucky University

HiGee USA Inc.



## **Bench-Scale Test at National Carbon Capture Center**



National Carbon Capture Center Birmingham, Alabama



**CCS's Bench-Scale Skid** 



## **GPS Technology**

#### **GPS ADVANTAGES:**

- Applicable to existing facilities---only needs to modify the stripper
- Mature technology---only uses on-theshelf process equipment
- High thermodynamic efficiency
  - High stripping pressure
  - Significantly reduced stripping heat
  - Reduced compression work
- Applicable to different solvents
  - Tailored operating conditions according to solvents
  - Especially suitable for non-aqueous solvents

#### **GPS APPLICATIONS**

- CO<sub>2</sub> capture from any post-combustion flue gases (power plants, cement industry, refinery)
- CO<sub>2</sub> capture/separation from precombustion streams such as syngas
- CO<sub>2</sub> recycle for EOR—possibility of eliminating entire CO<sub>2</sub> compression
- Natural gas sweetening, especially when high pressure CO<sub>2</sub> is wanted.
- CO<sub>2</sub> separation for chemical processes (H<sub>2</sub>, ethylene oxide, DMF, etc.)

## **GPS Technology Performance**

- $\square$  Overall parasitic power load is <0.23kWh/kgCO<sub>2</sub>
- ☐ Energy penalty to power plant is 18%
- ☐ SPC power plant with GPS have thermal efficiency of 32.2%
- ☐ Capital cost is <5% increase over the Baseline MEA case
- □ LCOE of GPS process 97.4 mills/kWh (2007\$) or CO<sub>2</sub> capture cost of \$37.7/tonne (without TS&M)
- GPS technology has TRL level of conventional absorption/stripping processes



## **Future Work and Collaborations**

- Work with solvent developers to tailor solvents for specific applications
  - **→** Power plant flue gas CO<sub>2</sub> capture
  - ➤ Cement Plant flue gas CO₂ capture
  - Natural gas sweetening (NETL HABEN Solvent)
  - **▶** Pre-combustion CO₂ separation from syngas (NETL HABEN Solvent)
  - > Recycled CO<sub>2</sub> separation/compression in EOR (NETL HABEN Solvent)
- Work with equipment developers on heat transfer integrated structured packing
  - Additive manufactured structured packing at Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL)





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## **Chevron-LANL Alliance**

Ben Bloys - Chevron Marc S. Witkowski - LANL







### **Principals of Partnership/Collaboration**

- Collaboration mechanisms formalized in Alliance for Advanced Energy Solutions - MOU signed Nov. 2004
- Umbrella CRADA with individual projects (PTS's), non-disclosure agreement (NDA) terms in place; terms for IP protection - complementary licensing MOU

#### Guiding principles:

- Mutual recognition of the two different organizational missions
- Multi-year projects of mutual benefit
- Structured approach to project selection, development, field-testing, and commercialization
- Access best expertise in both organizations to solve problems
- Joint advisory board that guides and reviews project performance twice per year





### **Alliance for Advanced Energy Solutions**

### **Los Alamos National Laboratory and Chevron Energy Technology Company**

#### **Tactical Goals**

- Identify Chevron opportunities to apply Los Alamos technologies, or to jointly develop new technologies
- Maintain and expand Los Alamos capabilities

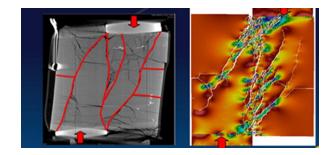
  - Solve key national problems
    Develop capabilities for core missions
- Bridge the 'valley of death' for deployment/commercialization
- Build public/private partnerships to leverage into new programs & commercialization opportunities

#### Strategy

- Focus on topics that benefit both organizations, while maintaining equal value proportions

#### **Existing Projects**

- ~50 have been started
- 1 new project in FY 2020
- ~ 12 are ongoing in diverse topic areas
- ~ 5 projects at the commercialization/deployment phase







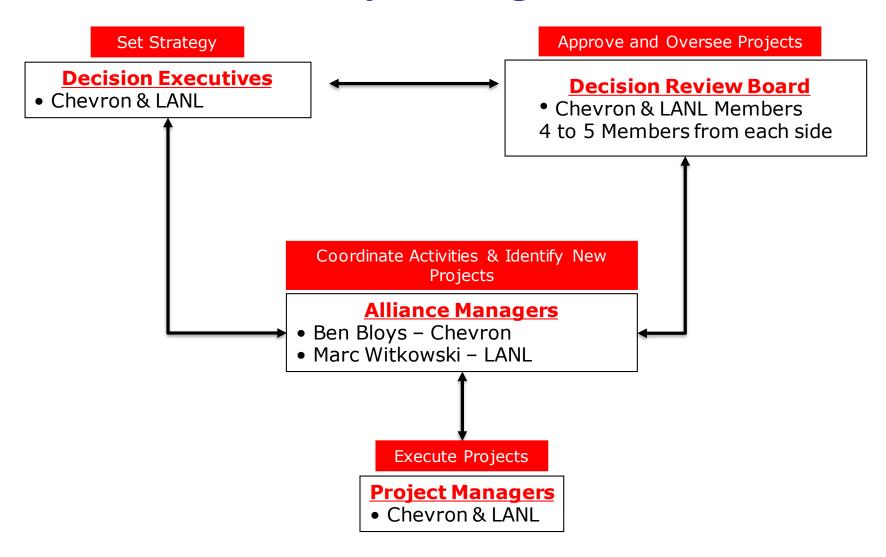
## Making it work-Merging two different cultures

- Process oriented versus creative/conceptual thinking they actually mesh quite well.
- Align expectations and strategies at outset.
- Gently 'training' both bureaucracies about the needs of the Alliance, and about its cooperative nature
- Build structure to foster connections & trust across cultures <u>communication</u> is the key!
  - ✓ Decision Review Board (DRB)
  - ✓ Alliance Managers
  - ✓ Project Leaders
  - √ Regular Meetings weekly/semi-weekly





## **Alliance Operating Structure**

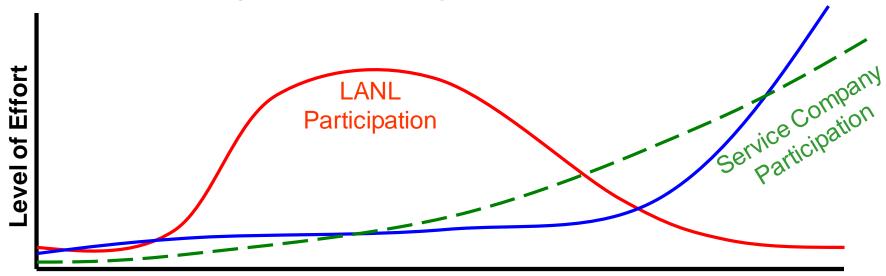






### **Project Development Model**

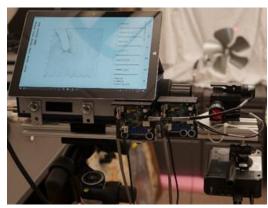
Value to Chevron



Phase: Problem→ Concept → Feasibility → Develop → Field Test → Deploy













### **Collaborative Success**

- Long Relationship- 16+ Years.
- Over \$100M dollars of private investment leveraging ~\$250M in government funded R&D.
- >300 patents filed.
- >100 students & post docs involved.
- > \$3M in license revenue.
- >\$100K invested in STEM Education.
- Currently 5 projects in commercialization pipeline.
- Side benefits for both sides from professional relationships





### Lessons Learned - It's a Partnership!

- Unlike other Chevron Alliances Los Alamos is not a commercial Service Provider.
- We expect to work jointly with our Chevron counterparts in projects as equal team members. If either Party doesn't have the time and motivation to do the project – then we don't do the project.
- Understanding market conditions helps refocus commercialization efforts
- Communication is a key to success.
  - Periodic Oversite and Review
  - Project Leadership
  - Open and Frequent





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# THANK YOU!

Please submit your questions in the Zoom Q&A function!

Looking for additional conversation and networking?

Join us in the Peer Connections Lounge after the live Q&A!